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If these knots aren't enough, consider how easy it has become for the media to "reach out" and encourage people to speak up through web sites and feedback lines. When people with identifiable ties to the base or to DOD speak up, their words carry more weight than intended.

The Office of Public Affairs can provide potential interviewees with valuable resources prior to the interview. They can provide factual information regarding many topics and tips for getting points across in interviews.

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If you are approached by the media for an interview, it is policy for you to call the public affairs office before answering any questions or agreeing to the interview. If you wish, you may refer the reporter directly to public affairs to process their request.

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Family members and others

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Do not provide the media with detailed information regarding units, or military members' whereabouts. Revealing their location or passing along information from your spouse to the media can be a security risk.

Everyone

If the media contacts you, think "Public Affairs" first. The chief of media relations, Faye Williams, or another member of the base public affairs team can be reached at 926-2137.



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Members of the 116th Air Control Wing process through the mobility line Tuesday in preparation for deployment to an undisclosed location. **To view scenes from the mobility line on streaming video, go to <http://www.robins.af.mil/pa/stream/index.htm>**

‘Prayer, vigilance and doing our jobs’

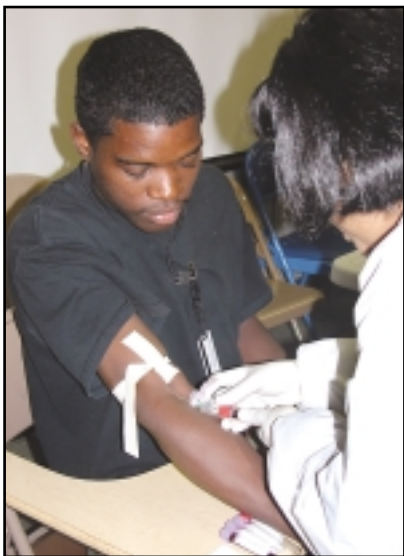
■ Leaders discuss ALC’s role in Iraqi conflict

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As coalition forces continue their assault on Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, base leaders ask the work force and the community for continued prayer, vigilance and, most of all, to focus on doing their jobs

In a recent media interview, Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam expressed the crucial need for unity and routine at this time of turbulence.

“Of the 23,000 (men and women who work at Robins) there are over 1,000 members who are deployed and who, as we speak right now, are in harm’s way,” he said. “While it’s difficult for me to ask more of a community that already gives this base so much I would ask our community



Staff Sgt. Frederick Mabry of the 116th Air Control Wing has blood work done during deployment processing.

to remember them in your prayers.”

The center commander asked that community members be considerate of the families who are clearly worried and concerned about the well being of the deployed.

“You know them,” he said. “They live in your neighbor-

hoods, they worship with you, their children attend school with your children, so please keep them in mind and be cognizant of their special needs at this time.”

While describing this as a perilous and challenging time for our nation, Wetekam said he is confident the force defending freedom is a capable one.

“On behalf of our military members, civil servants and support contractors as well, each and every one of those at Robins are ready to do their duty as called upon by the president,” he said.

As they continue with their jobs, Wetekam asks that others remain constant in their roles as well.

“Each of us here has an important role and I think that everyone who works here at Robins understands that,” he said. “The weapon systems we support are deployed and being used today as we speak, so the mission focus is as it always is, supporting the war fighter.”

The general said Robins has

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Stop Loss hits home for some at Robins

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Although Robins has more than 2,300 military members in 99 Air Force Specialty Codes, or AFSCs, that could be affected by Stop Loss, only 35 have had to put their separation or retirement plans on hold thus far.

The Stop Loss order was issued earlier this month by Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche.

According to Staff Sgt. Jennifer Stull, non-commissioned officer in charge of separations and retirements, the order currently affects active-duty officers and enlisted members in 99 Air Force Specialty Codes or AFSCs.

Stop Loss will be reviewed every 60 days to determine if adjustments are needed. This includes adding or deleting AFSCs along with instructions if members are released.

Stull said 1,885 military members at Robins are potentially affected because of their AFSC, while an additional 502 are potentially affected due to deployment.

“Last week the Military Personnel Flight briefed all commander's support staff members explaining exemptions, the processing of waivers and other information needed for dissemination to the units,” she said. “The Stop Loss order goes into effect May 2 and will automatically extend all of those affected for 12-month intervals until the order is rescinded.”

Stop Loss is being implemented across the active duty, Air Force Ready Reserve and Air National Guard for the affected career fields in the ranks of airman through colonel.

“Stop Loss is designed to preserve critical skills essential to supporting the global war on terrorism, while ensuring we're prepared to meet other contingencies,” said Roche.

Stull said the reaction has been mixed. While some understand and have simply rearranged their plans, others are stressed because post separation or retirement jobs or plans were already in place.

According to 5th Combat Communications Group public affairs officer Staff Sgt. Adam Stump, his organization has a large number that could be potentially affected by Stop Loss. In addition to nearly 200 people in eight enlisted career fields and one officer career field, the group also has a substantial number of people who are affected because they're deployed.

One of those affected is Tech. Sgt. Gary Enns, a communications and computer systems operator with the 54th Combat Communications Squadron. Enns, who has more than 20 years of service, had planned on retiring next year.

“I had extended to the former high year of

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Giving voice to ‘the weakest constituency’

■ Family advocacy arms adults with information helping them protect their children against abuse

By Chris Zdrakas
78th Air Base Wing

The advocacy group “Prevent Child Abuse Georgia” says that the weakest constituency in the world’s greatest republic is not a minority population, the elderly or the handicapped - It’s children, who have “no voice, no vote, no power.”

The point, of course, is that children must rely on adults to protect them. The 78th Medical Group is joining forces with other agencies on base, a Houston County child advocacy organization, and similar groups across the state to arm adults with information that will enable them to know how to protect their children against abuse.

The medical group’s family advocacy staff has lined up a series of awareness-raising activities to promote the April observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Veronica Griffin, family advocacy outreach manager, said many of the activities are designed to enable adults to be able to detect signs of child abuse.

“While many strides have been made in educating and empowering adults in this area, child advocates know their job is far from done,” Griffin said. “I believe it helps to remember that child abuse statistics have faces, many etched with fear and pain; many carrying emotional scars. Professionals who deal with the faces behind the statistics fully understand the human dimension of this rapidly growing family health and social problem.”

She said the greatest needs are education about child abuse and an adult population that knows how to react when they suspect it.

The statistics from Prevent Child Abuse Georgia paint a picture of the severity and frequency of child abuse:

- More than 82,000 reports of child abuse and neglect in 2001
- Every half hour a child in Georgia is the victim of confirmed abuse or neglect
- About 85 percent of child abuse cases occur in childrens’ homes. In 2000, more than 80 percent of confirmed child abuse perpetrators in Georgia were biological parents
- In 2000, 47 percent of confirmed child abuse victims were under age 6

- And perhaps most shocking of all, among cases of child abuse under the jurisdiction of the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services in 2000, 45 children died as a result of substantiated abuse or neglect.

Family advocacy and the community’s Rainbow House are sponsoring a series of activities that will keep the child abuse prevention message before the public during April.

Rainbow House is a non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of child abuse.

In a proclamation officials from the county, cities and Robins Air Force Base signed Tuesday, April was set aside officially as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Col. Tad Stanley, vice commander of the 78th Air Base Wing, represented Robins.

“We all have a responsibility to protect our children,” Griffin said. “Ignoring the problem will only make the statistics worse. Recognition by base and government leaders of the need for education and support

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U.S. Air Force graphic adapted by Harry Paige

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been at a high operational tempo since the Global War on Terrorism began in September, 2001.

“The mood is upbeat, morale is high and our folks are trained and ready for action,” he said. “While last week’s events have ratcheted things up a bit, this is not completely new.”

George Falldine, center plans and programs director, agreed.

“Our logisticians and engineers are constantly involved with supporting weapon systems and responding to the threats that may be out there,” he said.

“Essentially we have been supporting some level of conflict worldwide ever since Desert Storm. It ratcheted up again after Sept. 11, but the reality is that we have been in some state of conflict, so we have been supporting it with our Readiness Center for the last 12 years.”

Although work continues here as usual, Wetekam said his thoughts are also with those in combat.

“I think about our deployed troops,”

he said. “I know many of them, and they are folks whose well being I am charged with as a commander, so my first thought is to them. I pray for their safety.”

Falldine said Robins is involved in the current operations in Iraq in more ways than meet the eye.

“We have responsibility for virtually all of the airborne avionics,” he said. “That includes the radios, communications systems and fire control systems used when you’re shooting munitions. We manage all of those systems, so we have been involved in supporting all of the aircraft that use them.” He said what has been seen thus far is an example of the new philosophy of transformation - the building of a more flexible, mobile, highly responsive military.

As far as responsibility, Falldine explained that Robins is responsible for the long-term logistics support for strategic airlift of C-17s, C-5s and C-141s.

“You can certainly be assured that those kinds of aircraft have been used as the build up was taking place to deploy assets,” he

said. “We also have targeting and navigational systems like the LANTIRN system that we specifically are the manager for. Those kinds of assets are



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Airman 1st Class Valerie Vangundy makes a phone call while waiting in the holding area during deployment processing.

certainly being used.”

Leaders said those deployed from the ALC and 78th ABW serve in support roles but are deployed to operational units. Robins is also home to major operating units including the 116th Air Control Wing, the 5th Combat Communications Group and the 19th Air Refueling Group. All of them have assets deployed.



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Col. Gary Bledsoe presented a Certificate of Compliance at the assessment briefing March 18. Left to right are Warren Hughes, Program Manager Contract Operations PMEL; Leo Ladzinske, PMEL Services Chief; Col. Gary Bledsoe, director of Metrology for the Air Force; Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, commander, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center; and Col. Larry Eriksen, Maintenance Directorate deputy director.

PMEL team effort leads to outstanding rating

Robins Air Force Base received rave reviews from an Air Force Metrology and Calibration Program team that visited the precision measurement equipment laboratory facility March 4 to 18.

According to Col. Gary Bledsoe, director of Metrology for the Air Force, Heath, Ohio, Robins passed all evaluated areas – a first for the base since 1996.

The team, which travels around 250 days per year, examined all aspects of the PMEL operation during the evaluation.

“It’s every one of the workers out there that actually calibrate this equipment who made this possible,” he said. “It also takes support from the top, and it’s obvious from our

last evaluation, they’re getting that support and they’re also doing the job they need to do.”

Col. Larry Eriksen, Maintenance Directorate deputy director, said all the areas measured have received a certification.

“It’s more than just a passing grade,” he said. “It means we’re certified. That’s very unusual to have happen all across the board. That’s very, very excellent work. An outstanding rating like that is very difficult to get. It takes a whole team.”

The PMEL lab calibrates and repairs more than 48,000 items of test measurement and diagnostic equipment that are used by customers to support the weapon systems used by the war fighter.

78th ABW promotion ceremony today

Col. Tom Smoot, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will host the monthly 78th ABW Enlisted Promotion Ceremony today, at 3:30 p.m. in the Smith Community Center Auditorium. Commanders, supervisors, family members, and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Tech. Sgt. John Holderbaugh at 926-0792.

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tenure for my rank (22 years),” Enns said. “My wife and I had talked about retiring in the next year or year and a half; however, I could pretty much tell that our career field was going to be affected by Stop Loss. All you have to do is look at the selective reenlistment bonus list. They’re paying people tens of thousands of dollars from my career field just to reenlist.”

What to know:

The order provides for the following exemptions:

- Officers who have reached mandatory retirement age (62) and the mandatory length of service, which varies according to rank
 - Enlisted members who have a projected retirement on their High Year of Tenure
 - Military members departing because of extreme personal hardship or disability
 - Those who have had household goods shipped or whose household goods are scheduled for pick up before May 2.
 - Those who have already left on consecutive days of terminal and/or permissive leave and have not been on the job during their leave
- Since the list represents only examples of exemptions, individuals with questions should call the Military Personnel Flight at 327-7348.

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will aid immeasurably in keeping this problem in the forefront.”

The educational/awareness component of Child Abuse Prevention Month will get under way April 3 with a Teen Forum at 2 p.m. at the Robins Youth Center. The 78th Medical Group’s outreach and prevention team plans to dialogue with Robins’ youths about building self-esteem.

- Other events:**
- A Children’s Health Fair April 4 at the Robins Health and Wellness Center, building 827, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Family advocacy will have face painting for kids and information about child abuse prevention.
 - Anger management groups for active-duty families and civilian employees April 9 and 16 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the life skills center, building 700. Register by calling Griffin at 327-8427.
 - An active teen parenting program April 10, 17 and 24 at the Health and Wellness Center in partnership with the community-based HODAC--Helping Others Develop and Change. The program will teach parents how to deal with defiant behavior, how to compete for a child’s time and other

Signs of Child Abuse

The first step to helping an abused child is knowledge. What are the signs that a child may be in danger of abuse?

- Child neglect occurs when a child does not have the basic essentials for physical, social and emotional development. Children who are neglected may be hungry, constantly fatigued, miss school, report they have no caretaker.
- Child Physical Abuse occurs when a child has non-accidental injuries, such as welts, burns, fractures, or bruises. Signs may be covered by clothing, or a child may be kept home from school until injuries heal. Explanations may not fit the injury.
- Child sexual abuse occurs when a child is exploited for adult sexual gratification. The child may be inappropriately touched, photographed or sexually assaulted. The child may be exposed to adult sexual activity, adult movies or pornographic magazines.
- Emotional abuse is a pattern of profanity, shaming and/or exposure to adult violence that impairs the child’s psychological well being.

Reporting Child Abuse

To report or not to report is not an option.

- All active-duty military members and DoD civilians are mandated reporters according to Air Force Instruction AFI 40-301
- In addition, Georgia law mandates reporting by certain individuals with special responsibilities for the well being of children. Mandated reporters in Georgia include medical personnel, dentists, nurses, psychologists, counselors, social workers and therapists, teachers, school administrators and guidance counselors, welfare personnel and law enforcement personnel
- Report child abuse immediately to the Department of Family and Children Services (DFACS) at 988-7600 (a 24-hour number) or to the 78th Medical Group’s Family Advocacy Program at 327-8398. If you believe a child is in danger call 911. All the information you provide is confidential. A report is a request for a professional assessment and possible help for a family in need.

2003 Air Show dates finalized

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It’s official – Robins Air Force Base will once again open its gates to amaze, entertain and educate the local community and beyond with aircraft and aeronautical feats during the 2003 Air show and Open House Sept. 6 and 7.

The event, normally is hosted every other year and drawing crowds numbering in the hundreds

of thousands, promises to be worth the two-year wait.

“The open house and air show is a way to show the local community what we have here at Robins, and what their military is all about,” said Maj. Sam Simpliciano, air show director. “It’s also a way to show them what our part is in the defense of this country.”

Simpliciano said the theme of this year’s show will center on the centennial of powered flight and the 50th anniversary of the

“Thunderbirds,” the U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron which is scheduled to perform as the event’s headlining attraction.

The Thunderbirds perform precision aerial maneuvers to exhibit the capabilities of modern high-performance aircraft to people throughout the world. The squadron exhibits the professional qualities of Air Force people who fly, maintain and support the aircraft.

Spectators are in for a real treat with scheduled performances by the U.S. Special Operation’s Parachute Team and several civilian performers.

In addition to aerial acts, Simpliciano said some World War II aircraft and a Steerman from World War I will be on display.

78th SFS: Parking reminder

Per the Base Parking Plan, RAFBI 31-205, handicapped parking is reserved for those persons with state issued handicapped parking permits for their vehicles.

Such parking spaces are either marked with the nationally recognized, handicapped parking emblem, with base approved pavement markings, or signage for a specific handicapped person.

Everyone should recognize such reserved parking is a necessity for those who have the legitimate need for the space, and no one should use it illegally.

As a reminder, a vehicle illegally parked in such designated handicapped parking spots is committing a flagrant parking violation and is subject to be towed from the installa-

tion at the owner’s expense in accordance with RAFBI 31-205, paragraph 7.

Also, with spring here, the grounds maintenance crews will begin mowing soon. It’s important that everyone comply with the Base Parking Plan to protect personnel and vehicles from machinery, flying debris, etc.

Vehicles parked on the grass are subject to ticketing. Your help is important in ensuring vehicles are kept off of the grass and parked within designated, marked spaces.

This measure must be enforced to ensure a proper growing season of the grounds. Security Forces, parking monitors and civil engineer grounds inspectors are authorized to issue tickets for parking on the grass.

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ECAMP inspectors to converge on Robins April 7-11

Environmental Management Directorate

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Environmental Management Directorate has been notified that the Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command Environmental Compliance Assessment and Management Program, or ECAMP, Team will be on base April 7 through 11 to conduct the External ECAMP inspection.

The team, consisting of 20 highly trained and experienced evaluators from all over the Air Force, will arrive April 6, and inspection activities will begin on April 7 continuing through April 11.

According to AFMC policy, ECAMP is one of the processes that help commanders assess their environmental management systems and to identify and track solutions to environmental problems.

The External ECAMP also provides an opportunity to allow people from other installations to come to Robins and see how we operate, maintain and manage our excellent environmental program.

Primary objectives of the program are to improve Air Force environmental management worldwide to meet compliance standards and build supporting financial programs and budgets for funding environmental requirements.

According to Debbie Smith, ECAMP Program Manager, this inspection is different from the annual internal inspections that are conducted by volunteers from within our own operational and production areas.

The external evaluation, conducted every third year, is headed up by the team leader from HQ AFMC. Because we conduct Back-to-Basic and Environmental Safety and Occupational Health inspections on a regular basis, our folks are trained to identify problems and find solutions, said Smith.

Steven W. Coyle, the director of the

Environmental Management Directorate, welcomes the ECAMP review. In one sense, ECAMP finding are positive in that we identify problems before they become serious or are noticed by outside agencies, he said.

ECAMP, was originally devised to get environmental funding



Coyle

to fix compliance problems and began as an Air Force directed program in the early 90's. Secondary objectives of ECAMP are to eliminate underlying environmental problems through root cause analysis, identify systemic environmental problems, forecast future compliance requirements, and

interests in assessing environment, safety and occupational health programs.

All problems cited will be reported to the Environmental Protection Committee chaired by the WR-ALC vice commander, Brig. Gen. Darryl Scott, in an out brief scheduled for April 14. All organizations will be given 90 days after the out brief to present a plan for corrective action and an estimated completion date.

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Individuals key to AFMC’s transformation success

By Gen. Lester Lyles
AFMC Commander

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Recently, I discussed with you my expectations for Air Force Materiel Command transformation: to develop an expeditionary mindset; become more innovative, adaptive and responsive; operate more effectively and efficiently; and be easier to do business with.

Those expectations enable the command’s vision to provide military capabilities through superior acquisition and sustainment for Defense Department war fighters and their allies - now and in the future.

We now have more than 200 initiatives across the command to meet those expectations, and I could not be more proud of your efforts to improve our support to the war fighter!

Major efforts such as Depot Maintenance Reengineering Transformation, the Spares Campaign, Predictive Support Awareness, Agile Acquisition, Test and Evaluation Transformation, the Air Force Research Laboratory’s capability integration efforts



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and our scientist and engineer recruiting and retention initiatives, to name a few, are leading our journey.

Divestiture of nonessential efforts has proven to be a great way to reinvest resources to provide direct payback to the war fighter. Since August, almost 300 divestiture candidates have been submitted, resulting in eliminating, improving or resolving misunderstandings for each candidate. The secretary of the Air Force and the chief of staff are our champions for divestiture efforts, which have eliminated almost 60,000 hours of nonessential work to date.

As these initiatives continue, we are working with the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition Dr. Marvin Sambur and his team to streamline our acquisition processes. Until recently, we focused on individual weapon system programs through the Integrated Weapons System Management philosophy.

This approach proved to be very successful as a fundamental strategy to improve specific, or vertical, program life cycle management and accountability, but the increasing demands for interoperability and commonality demand a new way of doing business.

In order to meet those demands and promote horizontal integration, we developed

the product enterprise concept. This approach provides integrated solutions by shifting our focus away from platform-centric thinking and toward capabilities- and effects-based thinking. To focus attention on these enterprises, our product center commanders were assigned as enterprise leaders for each product enterprise established: command and control, aeronautics, armament, and space and ballistic missiles.

This approach provided an ideal foundation for Capabilities-Based Life Cycle Management - a new direction for AFMC and SAF/AQ that will provide a set of fully supportable, integrated solutions capable of meeting the needs and effects required by the war fighter.

Our first step in this new direction is the Agile Acquisition Concept of Operations I recently signed with Dr. Sambur which formalizes our partnership with SAF/AQ. It clearly delineates SAF/AQ’s role as the lead for acquisition policy and processes and AFMC’s vital role as the supporting organization providing people, resources, tools and expertise.

We are now working together with Dr. Sambur and his team to reengineer processes and implement this concept of operations in the most effective and efficient manner. Our joint goal remains unchanged: to meet the war fighter’s needs!

This concept of operations and our other transformation initiatives are enabling us to continue providing world-class support in an ever-changing environment.

Transformation in AFMC is not just a matter of doing things better, faster or cheaper. It is the evolution of our command to grow with the Air Force and take the necessary steps to ensure we continue to meet our war fighters’ needs.

I am very excited about our future! We are well on our way in this transformation journey and there are a multitude of opportunities to progress even farther. We will meet future demands by reengineering our processes and continuing to fulfill our responsibilities to train, organize and equip an outstanding team of research and development, acquisition, sustainment, and test and evaluation professionals.

Our mission is complicated, yet no one in the world does it better! I hear this often from leaders across the Air Force and the war fighting commands.

We have been in operation for more than 50 years in one form or another, with processes growing to meet changing Air Force requirements. Your part in this journey is key to our success as we continue to reengineer our processes and transform AFMC to enhance our support to the war fighter.

Enforcement of Air Force standards, a shared responsibility

By Lt. Col. Stacy M. Boudreaux
Commander, 653rd CLSS

Standards - what are they? They’re guidelines of behavior that set professions apart from other vocations and organizational entities. In the legal profession, it’s the Code of Ethics. In medicine, it’s the Hippocratic Oath. In the Air Force, our standards are laid out in our Air Force Instructions.

In our profession of arms, our standards, consistently applied, contribute to and reinforce the good order and discipline that sets our profession apart from all others. Our profession alone carries with it an unlimited liability clause, which means we may be called upon at any time to lay down our lives in defense of our nation. Consequently, good order and discipline, and the standards upon which they are based, are the very foundation of whom and what we are. And, any erosion in those standards eats away at that foundation. It undermines the integrity of our profession and compromises cohesion and effectiveness essential to mission success.

We don’t have an option of individually picking and choosing which standards we will abide by and enforce, and which we will not. To do so would result in an uneven application of the standards, leaving those in our profession confused about what is expected or tolerated, and what is not.

The key to eliminating confusion is consistency in applying the standards. Gen. Fogleman, former Air Force Chief of Staff, said it best when he decreed, **“Air Force standards will be uniformly known, consistently applied, and non-selectively enforced.”**

With that in mind, I’d like to focus on one standard in particular which I see routinely disregarded here at Robins, and which I believe we need to consistently enforce – carrying cell phones while in uniform.

How many of you have seen members walking or sitting around in uniform talking on cell phones? How many know this conduct, generally, is not permitted? How many of you have made the effort to correct the behavior? How many of you realize the responsibility to correct this behavior is shared by all uniformed members, officer and enlisted alike?

AFI 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel, **“...describes minimum standards of personal appearance of Air Force members in uniform...”** and specifically addresses carrying cell phones while in uniform. Table 2.6., Clothing/Accessory Standards, Item 9, states, **“To present the proper military image... cellular phone(s) will be... prohibited unless required to perform duties.”** This provision also prescribes the proper wear of cell phones when they are required to perform duties. But, the bottom line is carrying cell phones while in uniform is generally prohibited.

As I have had occasion to approach a number of individuals in uniform who were using cell phones, what I have found most disappointing is the large number of people who don’t know the behavior is prohibited. More interesting is the number of people who are completely unfamiliar with AFI 36-2903.

In the “old days,” when dress and appearance was covered by Air Force Regulation 35-10, it seemed that airmen of all ranks were intimately familiar with the prohibitions and prescriptions of “35-10.”

Just the question, “how’s your 35-10?” generated a sense of awareness and self-reflection on how well you were meeting the most basic of standards by which our profession is judged.

I submit to you, it’s time for us to go back to the basics on dress and appearance. Review AFI 36-2903. Especially review the prohibition on carrying cell phones while in uniform. One common misunderstanding about cell phone use while in uniform seems to be the meaning of **“...when they are required to perform duties.”** I could go through a litany of scenarios where members attempted to justify carrying cell phones. They range from not having a phone at home to having to be able to contact the shop.

A good rule of thumb is, **“if a cell phone is required to perform duties, it will be issued to you by your unit.”** In that way, the cell phone is like any other tool required to perform your duties.

Conversely, if a cell phone hasn’t been issued to you, it’s not required to perform duties, and is therefore prohibited while in uniform IAW 36-2903.

If you are asking yourself, “What’s the big deal? What’s all the heartburn with cell phones?” My answer is this: obvious disregard for any of our standards signals a certain lack of discipline and is a sure sign that other standards are being, or soon will be, ignored too.

The inevitable result will be the collapse of the good order and discipline which is the foundation of our profession.

Now that you know what the standards are with respect to cell phones, I challenge each of you to help in their even-handed enforcement. After all, the responsibility to enforce Air Force standards is a shared one.

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live. Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes. To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins



Commanders’ Action Line

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How can we send letters to deployed service members?

Is there any type of program for people to send letters to service members who are deployed? During the Gulf War, we had the opportunity to send “To Any Service Member” mail. Is that program still around? If not, has it been replaced by anything, such as an e-mail version?

Col. Smoot replies: Thank you for your inquiry about writing our deployed service members. On Oct. 30, 2002,

the Acting Assistant Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Transportation Policy suspended the “Operation Dear Abby” and “Any Service Member” mail programs due to force protection concerns. Anyone now wishing to send a message of support to deployed service members or to help them stay in touch with their families can do so using these Internet web sites.

“Operation Dear Abby” at <http://anyservicemember.navy.mil/> This site was created to fill a void left by the cancellation of the “Any Service Member” and “Operation Dear Abby” mail programs due to the threats after September 11, 2001. “Defend

America” at <http://www.defendamerica.mil> and the Robins AFB homepage at <http://www.robins.af.mil>.

Sign a virtual thank you card. “Adopt A Platoon” at <http://www.adoptaplatoon.org/>. This is a nonprofit organization that links moms, grandmothers, families, pen-pals, and other organizations such as schools, synagogues, churches, scouts, 4-H-Clubs, and companies to deployed soldiers. “Sergeant Mom’s: at <http://www.sgtmoms.com/home.asp>

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Family Support Center at 926-1256 or visit their Web site at <http://www.robins.af.mil/fsc>.



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Warner Robins Lean: Where the journey began

By Jessica Wilson
Reengineering

By now it has been tough to not hear something about the Lean activities going on at Robins. Whether there has been a feature on the news, an article in the Rev-Up, an endorsement at a social or a meeting on base – Lean is everywhere. But it hasn’t always been this wide-spread.

What is Lean?
“Lean is not just a matter of eliminating waste; rather becoming Lean is a process of eliminating waste with the goal of creating value for enterprise stakeholders.” (Lean Enterprise Value) Becoming Lean also represents a fundamentally different approach for managing and organizing enterprises. Some Lean practices used involve eliminating ergonom- ics problems by designing new tools, or altering workstation configurations that improve the physical nature of the production process. Lean principles have been pioneered by the Air Force’s Manufacturing Technology Program for more than 10 years. ManTech, a division within the Air Force Research Laboratory’s Materials and Manufacturing Directorate at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, provides a leadership role in developing and implementing advanced manufacturing capabilities to reduce acquisition and sustainment costs, plus manufacturing and repair cycle times. Typically in industry, where Lean is introduced, an average 30 percent first pass improvement on productivity and lead-time is common. In fact, ManTech has found success in supporting the war

fighter wherever they’ve inserted Lean into an Air Force program.

Recent examples:
The purchase price of a C-17 decreased from \$260 million to \$178 million for the remaining 80 aircraft out of the original 120 purchased. Cost reduction of \$15 billion for the F-22 Raptor has been attributed to the use of lean-enabled practices, as of December 2000. Unit price of a Joint Direct Attack Munition kit down to \$15,000 per, instead of the initial estimate of \$68,000 apiece. The Rocketdyne RS-68 low cost engine design has 95 percent fewer parts than the current Space Shuttle main engine, and following the

Can-do attitude
Robins was chosen to prototype and adapt Lean to depot maintenance “because of their ‘can do’ attitude, commitment, and enthusiastic support,” according to John Crabill, Lean Depot Repair Program manager for the

ManTech program. Following discussion with key leadership personnel, ManTech focused on infusing Lean practices and principles in the F-15 shops for avionics, wing shop repair, and Programmed Depot Maintenance. Those early efforts resulted in a \$3.2 million savings through reduction of overtime, redeployment of personnel and consolidation of tools for the F-15 Wing Shop. Wingtip flow days were reduced from 47 to 15 and delays due to part support were reduced by 88 percent for the Wing Shop. In the F-15 horizontal stab shop, WIP was reduced from 193 units to just 53. After LDR began in the C-5 Floorboard Shop, production significantly increased. Where before issues like the wrong parts, missing parts or too many parts kept the work flow at no better than 11 completed floorboards per month, the shop now averages 52 per month.

Moving ahead with Lean
Because those early Lean implementations under the Lean Depot Repair program demonstrated that Lean practices and principles work in the ALC environment,

ManTech has now moved on with the Full Scale Lean Implementation program at Robins. “It is important that (Lean) becomes entrenched in how Robins does their everyday job,” Crabill said. “(It) started with mechanics on the shop floor, and now we need to spread to the Program Offices - such as engineers and those who support the mechanics and the people who fly the planes.” Robins is going into territory that has never been touched, with potential for better savings, and to get systems and support back to the war fighter faster and cheaper. “Lean is a business process that requires a total effort from everyone - whether their job is classified as white collar or blue collar; whether they’re a finance specialist, machinist, painter, electrician, base commander, etc.”

Crabill said. “Manufacturing trends portray a future dominated by continued domestic industry consolidation resulting in fewer producers and suppliers, less U.S.-based competition, increased foreign source dependency and fewer dollars invested in

defense research and development.” If that’s true, ManTech’s response will be to continue to target agile acquisition, reduced cycle time and affordable manufacturing to provide whatever the war fighter needs.

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Blacks in Government recognition luncheon



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The Middle Georgia Chapter of Blacks in Government held a Recognition Luncheon March 21 at the Enlisted Club. Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, shown at top with guest speaker State Sen. Regina Thomas of Savannah, and Fred Wilson, the Middle Georgia Chapter, BIG President, were on hand to recognize outstanding civil service employees for their years of government service. The following honorees received a plaque for their professionalism, expertise and continual outstanding service: Cindy Bedford, 14 years; Sam Everett, 17 years; Althea Ferguson, 20 years; David Granville, 17 years; Evelyn Holt, 26 years; Randy King, 21 years; Charlene Thomas, 15 years; Jewell Sconiers, 10 years; Barbara Vickers, 16 years; and George Patterson, 41 years. Above left, Thomas spoke about the theme of the program, “Recognizing the Strength of Black Folk.” Above right, approximately 230 people attended the luncheon buffet.

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A Herculean effort

C-130s are the SUV of airlift

By Lanorris Askew

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In a world where fighter jets are seen as the sleek Lamborghinis of the flying world, C-130s are still carrying the load as the SUVs of airlift. And according to members of the C-130 System Program Office and the production personnel who maintain it, that's just what it should be doing.

Don Jarzynka, C-130 production branch chief, said while smaller jet planes may get all of the attention, the mighty C-130 Hercules has its place firmly established in military warfare and peacetime operations.

"The C-130 can do things the faster, smaller aircraft just can't do," said Jarzynka. "They (jets) can't take off and land on short runways, and they can't go in low and deliver cargo and troops. That's the advantage of the C-130."

Col. Greg Postulka agrees.

"The mighty Herc has been carrying troops and everything they need to fight a war to the front lines since the fifties," he said. "With the C-130E/H avionics modernization acquisition of a fully mission capable C-130J, the Herc will be doing the same thing into the next fifties."

Calling the weapon system the "SUV of airlift," Postulka, C-130 System Program Office director, said the aircraft operate throughout the Air Force, serving Air Mobility Command, Air Combat Command and theater commands. The aircraft is primarily used by Air Force Reserve Command and Air National Guard to fulfill a wide range of operational missions.

Both basic combat delivery and special

mission versions of the aircraft perform a wide variety of roles which include:

- ➔ Airlift support
- ➔ Special operations gunships
- ➔ Infiltration and extraction
- ➔ Arctic ice re-supply,
- ➔ Aero medical missions
- ➔ Aerial spray missions
- ➔ Fire-fighting duties for the U.S. Forest Service and natural disaster relief missions

There are more C-130s than any other cargo aircraft in the Air Force inventory. The Hercules fleet includes 22 models and 700-plus aircraft used by eight major commands at 60 bases, as well as 600-plus aircraft for 23 foreign allied countries.

"Besides just moving bullets and beans, the C-130 is a highly versatile and flexible platform that has been modified to conduct several special ops missions," said Postulka. "These aircraft and the professional brave crews who fly them fight the war every day. The Air Force will be modifying more combat delivery C-130s into special ops aircraft soon."

The Special Operations fleet includes diverse platforms such as the AC-130H and U gunship. The gunship, with its 105 mm howitzer and 40 mm Bofors automatic cannon on its left side, flies primarily at night performing surveillance and illuminating troop movement. Jarzynka said the gunship can destroy a whole compound on its own.

Multi-function aircraft, the Combat Talon I and II's mission is to fly in low, pop up and drop out troops, cargo, bombs,

What to Know:

The C-130 System Program Office and Lockheed Martin signed a \$4 billion contract March 14 for 40 C-130Js for the Air Force and 20 Marine Corps KC-130Js to be delivered through 2008.



The C-130 Avionics Modernization Program, a new aircraft upgrade program, is expected to double the C-130 workforce, keep the weapon system flying another 30 years and add an impressive \$20 million per year to the local economy. Above, Neal Thompson measures a seal retainer.



Andrea Lawson, a sheet metal mechanic, grinds corrosion off the wing of a C-130.

leaflets and other airdrop items. Jarzynka said the Talons are low-level fliers that go in, map out an area, drop fliers and deliver supplies to the field.

The MC-130E/H conducts infiltrations into politically denied or sensitive-defended areas to re-supply or extract special operations forces and equipment. Those missions are conducted in adverse weather, at low-level and over a long range.

Postulka said modernization of 519 combat delivery and special mission C-130s with the Avionics Modernization Program will bring about some great changes.

"We will have new capabilities, greater reliability and new life in our vital but aging fleet," he said.

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According to Dusty Dodd, C-130 AMP program manager, the AMP contract, which will upgrade the avionics package of 519 C-130s, was awarded to the Boeing

Corporation in July 2000. The contract, valued at \$4.3 billion includes the design, installation and production of upgrade kits.

The workforce who maintains the C-130s can't sing the praises of the aircraft enough.

"Those of us who work on and maintain the varied platforms of the C-130 aircraft are proud of the accomplishments the aircraft has made throughout its 40-plus year history," said Ken Franklin, C-130 avionics technician. "No other aircraft in the world has carried as many different configurations."

Franklin said C-130 maintainers feel a responsibility to provide war fighters with a high-quality tool.

"While it's important to return the aircraft to their home stations in a timely manner, it's crucial that the aircraft func-



Bruce Daniel, a sheet metal mechanic, drills a hole for a ring segment fitting.

tion in a manner that allows the war fighter to accomplish his mission with a high probability of success," he said. "That is what our job is all about at Robins."

And it's apparent the work done at Robins is work done with pride.

"Many of us who work on C-130s at Robins are fanatical about the aircraft," said Franklin. "The F-15s are fast, the C-5s are huge and the C-17s are new. But every time a Coast Guard C-130 makes a rescue, a Special Ops C-130 engages a target or a slick C-130 drops a 21,000 lb. MOAB, we all feel proud that we contributed something to make it all possible."



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DEPLOYED SPOUSES' RESOURCES

Support when you need it

■ A series devoted to highlighting programs that help military spouses

By Holly J. Logan
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By all accounts, Robins military spouses are standing strong, taking advantage of Family Support Center programs when they need them.

Christine Parker, Family Support Center director, said although the FSC staff wants military families to be as self-sufficient as possible, sometimes stressful situations can make people blind to key resources.

"We always want to help people stay connected with other people and get involved in their Robins community, but that's even more important during a loved one's deployment," she said.

Tony Moffett, a second lieutenant with the 78th Security Forces Squadron, said he hasn't used the center's programs, but he knows they'll be there when the need arises.

"With the center's proactive approach ...



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Sandy Chadwick makes yellow ribbons to give out at a spouses meeting. See next week's Rev-Up for a story on the yellow ribbon campaign that Chadwick is organizing.

they encourage people not only to use their services, but to use others on base as well," he said.

Moffett said the programs available at the FSC help military spouses build a support network.

"These programs really help people keep in touch with what's going on," he said. "It solidifies the fact that the people on base are all part of an extended family."

Each week, the Rev-Up will bring you news you can use on the many programs offered by the Family Support Center,

What to know:

For more information on how you can benefit from Family Support Center programs, contact the Family Support Center at 926-1256.

The FSC is located on Ninth Street in Building 794, across the street just before the Enlisted Club. Hours are 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. For more information, 926-1256.

designed to help military spouses manage life a little easier in the absence of their military partner.

Morale Call Program

Families can call to the deployed/remote location free through the base operator. Just call 926-1110.

Car Care Because We Care

This program provides a free one-time preventive maintenance and safety inspection for one family vehicle. Eligible members must get a voucher from the FSC.

Video Phone

FSC has video-telephone capability to many installations around the world.

Video cameras

Family Readiness has three video cameras that may be borrowed for up to 48 hours to tape a special event or private message to send to the military member.

Hearts Apart pillowcases

Either the military member or the family member may bring a few pictures of his or her family to the FSC on a floppy disc, CD, or hard copy. The FSC will make the pillowcase for free.

Letter writing kits

Letter writing kits are available from FSC.

Calling cards

Free \$20 calling cards are offered to all personnel going on contingency TDYs for 30 days or longer.

Unit Spouse Volunteer Program

Trained volunteer spouses serve as unit liaisons to address concerns of the families of deployed members. They also coordinate monthly newsletters, holiday activities and care package preparation. Contact your unit commander or first sergeant.



*Videos are best viewed with the latest version of Windows Media Player (version 9).

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Today

7:30 p.m. – How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days – Matthew McConaughey, Kate Hudson



A regular ladies man (McConaughey) bets his friends that he can stay in a relationship for more than 10 days. Unluckily for him, however, the girl (Hudson) that he picks just happens to try to get rid of him almost immediately. Rated PG-13 (some sex-related material) 120 minutes

Saturday

7:30 p.m. – Dark Blue – Kurt Russell, Ving Rhames

Set in the LAPD in April 1992, it takes place just days before the acquittal of four white officers in the beating of black motorist Rodney King and the subsequent LA riots. In this racially charged climate, the LAPD's elite Special Investigations Squad is assigned a high-profile quadruple homicide. As they work the case, veteran detective Eldon Perry (Russell) tutors rookie Bobby Keough in the grim realities of police intimidation and corruption. Meanwhile, Assistant Chief Holland (Rhames), the only man in the department willing to stand up to the SIS, threatens to end Perry's brand of single-handed "justice" on the LA streets. While navigating through tumultuous neighborhoods of South Central LA, Perry and Keough must track down killers and face their own demons.

Rated R (violence, language and brief sexuality) 116 minutes



FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel and their eligible family members. Absences from duty sections to attend FSC offerings are the responsibility of the employee to coordinate with his/her supervisor. Because room assignments are subject to change, specific room numbers will be confirmed at the time of registration.

Financial workshop

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia, a non-profit organization funded by the United Way, will conduct a free "Money and Credit Management" workshop, Mar. 28, 1 to 4 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 127.

A comprehensive workbook is provided to all attendees. Information on credit management, debt reduction and consumer rights will be presented at this workshop. Assistance will be provided in the development of budgets and savings plan so that financial goal may be realized. This workshop is

open to all Team Robins members.

Base tour

The Family Support Center is sponsoring a Base Tour for all Team Robins members and their eligible family members, April 2, from 1 to 3 p.m. Meet at the Enlisted Club.

The tour is designed to help the newcomers become acclimated with the base. To make reservations, please call 926-1256.

Resume & cover letter workshop

Reservations are being accepted for a Resume and Cover Letter Workshop Apr. 3, 9 - 11 a.m., Bldg. 905. This class is designed to help the beginner get started and provide the more advanced participant the opportunity to improve their product.

Smooth move

The next Smooth Move workshop is Apr. 9, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., in Bldg. 945, Family Support Center Annex.

This program is designed for Air

Force members on the move. It is three hours of information on how to get from here to there with the least amount of hassle, frustration and stress.

Representatives from Military Personnel Flight, Transportation Movement Office, Accounting and Finance, the Housing Office, Legal Office, TRICARE, Family Advocacy and Air Force Aid Society will be on hand to provide pertinent moving information and answer questions.

Community tour

The Family Support Center is sponsoring a Community Tour for all Team Robins members and their eligible family members, Apr. 9, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Meet at the Family Support Center.

The tour includes a "windshield" of Macon's downtown and residential historic district with commentary on the history of Macon and its people, past and present.

To make reservations, please call 926-1256.

SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aero Club 926-4867

An Aero Club open house will be held April 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Flight instructors will be available to answer questions, and discovery flights will be offered to those eligible to join the Aero Club. Free food, supplied by the Base Restaurant, free simulator time and a chance to win free flights in Aero Club will also be available.

Child Development Center 926-3080, CDC West; 926-5805, CDC East

The Children's Health Fair will be held April 4 at the Smith Community Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Booths with information on kid friendly fitness equipment, nutrition, substance abuse, crime prevention, dental care, Tricare and other children's health issues will be available.

Register by Monday for hourly child care to be held on April 4 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at CDC East and the School Age Program for children six months to 12 years of age. An advance \$6 nonrefundable deposit is required.

Child Abuse Education classes will be held at the Teen Center, Bldg. 942, on April 8 and 10. All parents are invited to participate. Call 926-3080 for more information.

Civilian Recreation 922-4415

Play bingo with Civilian Recreation Sunday, Wednesday and Friday. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m. at the base restaurant, Bldg. 166.

Civilian Recreation will host the 13th Annual DoD Team Bass tournament to be held Sunday through April 4 at Lake Guntersville, Goose Pond Colony, Scottsboro, Ala. A two-man team cost is \$160. For more information, call Civilian Recreation or Hugh Jones, tournament director at 953-9314.

Enlisted Club 926-4515

Dine at the enlisted club for a chance to win a squadron party during the Monthly Squadron Appreciation contest. Each time members dine at the club they may submit an entry form. At the end of the month the

squadron or unit with the most entry forms will be awarded a complimentary squadron appreciation party at the club. Call Al Urolia, club manager for details.

Expressions 926-0304

Expressions, located in the Base Restaurant, Bldg. 166, is holding a spring-cleaning sale throughout March. Many items will be at cost during the event, which ends today. Expressions is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Family Child Care 926-6741

In continual support of Operation: Enduring Freedom, the co-payment for Extended Duty Care has been extended to Tuesday. The EDC provides care for children of active duty and Department of Defense employees required to work late, work weekends, change shifts, or are called in to support deployments. It will not be a substitute for regular care, but is an approved intermittent childcare arrangement for those times when parents must work outside their normal schedule. For more information, call the FCC office.

SCORE BOARD

I/M volleyball standings as of March 12:

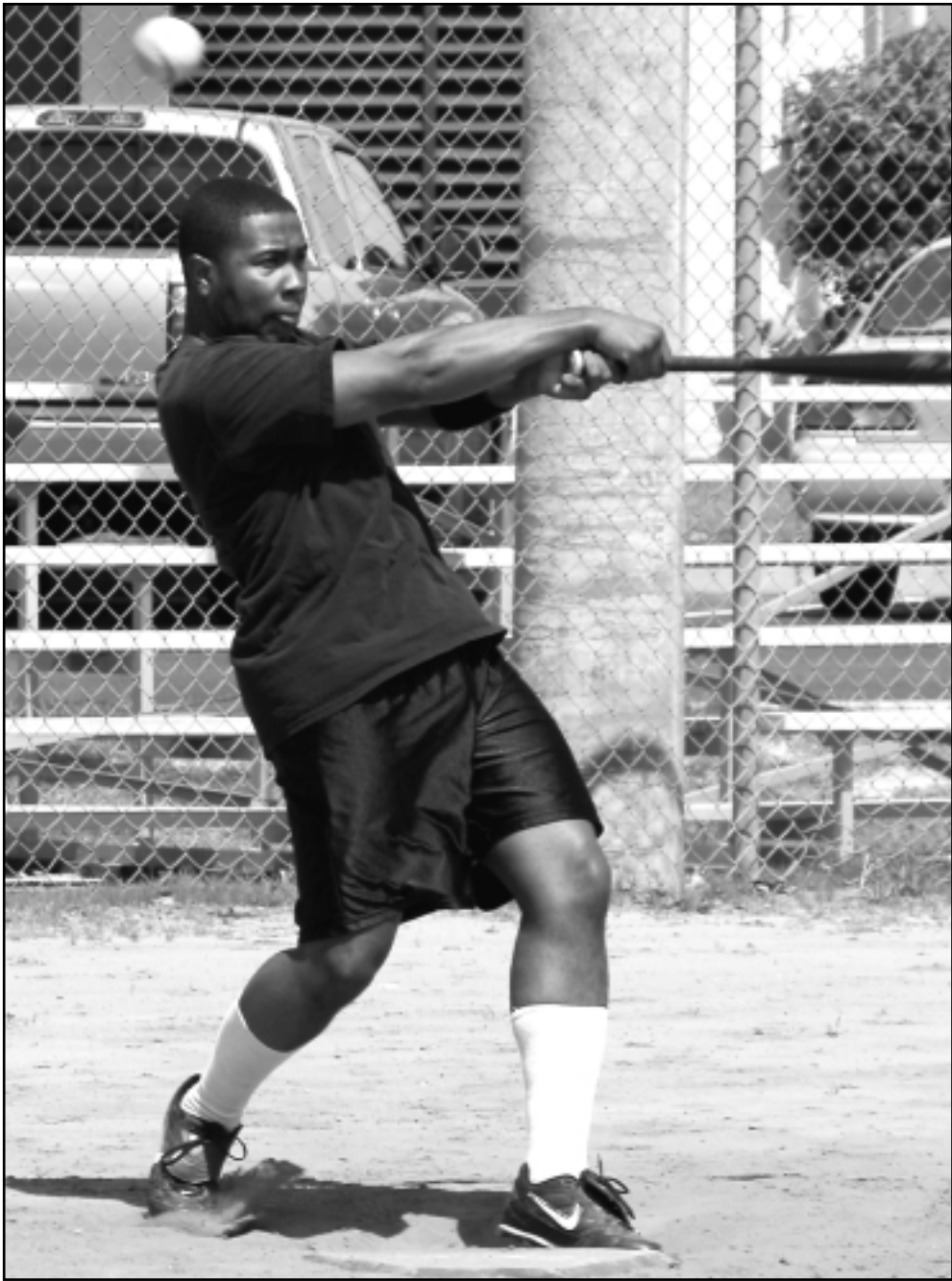
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- 116th CSS 4/0
- 116th MXS 3/1
- 78th SFS 3/1
- 78th CEG 2/2
- 78th MDG 2/2
- 653rd CLSS 0/4
- 78th MSG 0/4

Intramural basketball standings:

Team (win/lose)

- 78th MSS 7/0
- 78th CE 5/1
- 78th MDG 4/1
- HQ / AFRC 3/3
- 653rd CLSS 3/3
- 78th CS 3/4
- 78th SFS 2/4
- 5th CBCSS 1/7
- 116th MXS 0/5
- 78th SFS #1 6/0
- 78th SFS #2 5/1
- 78th CE 5/2
- JSTARS #1 5/2
- JSTARS #2 5/2
- 78th MSS 6/3
- 653rd CLSS 5/3
- 78th CS 4/3
- 78th LRS 4/3
- 5th MOBB #1 3/3
- 53rd CBCS 3/5
- 19th ARG #1 3/5
- 19th ARG #2 3/5
- 116th MXS 2/5
- 116th AGS 2/6
- 116th CSS 1/7
- 78th MDG 1/8



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Lee Smith tips one up on the softball field during the Civil Engineering Safety and Sports Day held March 25. The day included safety briefings and other sports activities such as basketball and volleyball.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Civilian Recreation 922-4415

Register for spring tennis at civilian recreation, Bldg. 767, for \$10 per person. Single or doubles will be offered. League play begins April 14.

Fitness Center 926-2128

An April Fool's Day 5K Fun Run will be held Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. Register at the Fitness Center, Bldg. 826.

Racquetball players interested in participating in the United States Racquetball Association's National Singles Championship May 21 to 26 in Houston, Texas, must submit an AF 303 to Kenneth Porter, Assistant Fitness Director, by 2 p.m. Monday. For more information, call the Fitness Center.

Golf Course 926-4103

Save money throughout April when you pay annual green fees in advance. Yearly costs are as follows: E1 - E4, \$225; E5 - O3, \$348; O4 - up and DoD civilians, \$432.

A Demo Day will be held Tuesday throughout the day. New Ping and Big Bertha drivers, Ping 13 irons and Callaway X-16 irons will be available as well as Tommy Armour, Ram, Powerbuilt and Powerbuilt Junior items.

A Spring Break Junior Golf Academy will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday for ages 7 to 9 and Thursday for ages 10 to 12. Cost is \$30 and includes instruction, lunch and snacks.

Morning and evening Link Up 2 Golf classes will be held throughout April and May for \$99 per person. The Link Up 2 Golf curriculum, designed and sponsored by PGA of America, is the most comprehensive

lesson series ever created. For more information and class hours, call 926-4103. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Robins Lanes 926-2112

A Fun tournament will be held April 5 from 6 to 9 p.m. for \$18 per person. Four games will be held across eight lanes with separate divisions for men and women. The first game will be Scotch Doubles, second game is a no-tap, third game a 3-6-9 and fourth game a no split.

Every Wednesday in April, immediate family members can bowl for \$1 a game during open play if they are a dependent of a deployed troop.

Register now at Robins Lanes for summer leagues. Bowlers are encouraged to keep an edge on their bowling skills, work on their game or just come out and have fun.

Be the sole survivor and win. Bowl a three game 9-pin no tap set for \$6 per week for six weeks. At the end of each of each week the lowest score will be voted out. After six weeks, the last survivor takes all the winnings. A new round begins every six weeks.

Skeet Range 926-4733

A Scrap Fun Shoot will be held tomorrow from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$3 per 25 targets.

Youth Center 926-2110

Micro T-Ball registration for children 3 to 4 years of age will begin April 12, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Volunteer coaches are also needed for Micro T-Ball and T-Ball. No experience is required and training will be provided. Apply in person at the Youth Center, Bldg. 1021, or call Ron Hayes at 926-2110.

Submit sports information to Geoff Janes in the WR-ALC Public Affairs office, Bldg. 215, Room 106. Submissions are due by 4:30 p.m. Monday for consideration for Friday's paper. Submit stories and stats in person or by e-mail at geoff.janes@robins.af.mil. For more information, call 926-2137.

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When Compass Call called - MAS answered

By the Software Engineering Division

The EC-130H Compass Call communications jammer aircraft is the backbone of the United States Air Force’s electronic attack. Therefore when the EC-130H Compass Call requirements managers at Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va., called the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center’s software engineering division or MAS about providing Navigation Operational Flight Program support, MAS was quick to answer affirmatively. In mid-August Dave Smith, the software engineering division’s software project manager for the Combat Talon I MC-130E weapon system, received an e-mail from Headquarters Air Combat Command. The e-mail asked if MAS would be interested in maintaining the EC-130H OFPs since it was a variant of the MC-130E already being supported at WR-ALC. “Absolutely, we would be interested in doing that,”

Smith said. HQ ACC then suggested that he contact the compass call program office at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The Program Office asked MAS to provide a proposal for OFP support. They also mentioned that it needed to be done quickly because they were hoping to fund it with FY02 dollars, which would expire Sept. 30, 2002. This only gave Smith two weeks in which to accomplish a task that normally would take at least a month. He had been sent a document with the SPO’s requirements. After reviewing the requirements, Smith saw where MAS, due to its extensive software and hardware knowledge, could actually provide more capability than the SPO had requested at no additional cost. Smith quickly gave the SPO a schedule and cost estimate to implement this greater capability. Smith’s rapid and thorough work resulted in the Compass Call SPO accept-

ing MAS’ proposal and sending \$950,000 to MAS on Sept. 27, 2002. A Technical Interchange Meeting to discuss detailed requirements was scheduled for Oct 16-17 at Robins. At the TIM, Smith briefed how the extra capability could be achieved with no extra cost based upon MAS’s experience with the Combat Talon I. The ACC and ASC participants were given a tour of Special Operations Forces Extendable Integrated Support Environment where MAS supports the AC-130H, MC-130E, MC-130H and MH-53J/M weapon systems’ OFPs. Smith showed how the existing Combat Talon I node in the SOF EISE would be used to support the Compass Call. The guiding concept of the SOF EISE facility was to allow re-use of existing software and hardware simulations to save time and money. Headquarters Air Combat Command C-130 requirements and ASC/RAB representatives enthusiastically endorsed

MAS’s approach. In fact, the very next week, the HQ ACC/DRA30 representative e-mailed Smith this vote of confidence. “I wanted to thank you and your team for supporting the Compass Call Nav OFP TIM last week. I’ve attended many similar software meetings with various organizations and companies. The professionalism and level of preparedness of your team is outstanding. In side conversations with Maj. Albert Circelli, deputy compass call program manager, Wright Patterson Air Force Base and other visitors, we are convinced we made a wise choice in asking for your help with our Nav OFP update. We feel quite confident your team will provide us a

high level of support we’ve rarely experienced in this area. Please accept our thanks and gratitude. We look forward to working with your team.” Tom Christian, MAS acting chief, added, “Dave Smith is one of MAS’s star performers. His dedication

and quick action not only provided great value to the war fighter but also enhanced WR-ALC’s reputation as a “go-to” software house. We are all very proud of our opportunity to support the Compass Call weapon system in its vital mission.”

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Roche urges civilians to register family contact data

**By Maj. John Thomas
Chief of AFPC Public Affairs**

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER - Air Force civilian employees can benefit from the same next-of-kin notification process provided to the families of injured or killed uniformed airmen by providing their emergency contact information on a secure electronic file. “So far very few of our civilians have registered. This is a great service to our total force that has never existed before,” said James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force. “This is the right thing to do. I hope our Air Force civilians, commanders and supervisors will do their best to ensure everyone knows about the online Emergency Data System and how to sign-up,” he said. The electronic form, on the personnel center Web site takes most people about 15 minutes to complete, officials said. “With this system we have immediate access to civilian emergency contact information. But it only works if people take a few minutes on behalf of their families to provide the necessary data,” said Thomas Perry, chief of the casualty division here. Currently, most civilians’ emergency contact information resides only in the desk file of a person’s supervisor-not much help in the many cases where the supervisor is unavailable or access to the desk is impossible, officials said. “We want to be able to do something we couldn’t do immediately after Sept. 11-ensure we provide family members accurate and timely information about civilian Air Force people involved in an attack or an accident,” Perry said. Civilian members can access their record by logging on the AFPC secure Web page at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/emds/default.htm>. For more information about the civilian EMDS call the Air Force Contact Center at 1 (866) 229-7074.

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Cherry Blossom Festival



Photos by Marilea Butler
Members of Robins' Pine Oaks Riding Club participated in the Cherry Blossom Festival parade in Macon March 23. Top photo from left to right, Senior Master Sgt. Mike Flores, Neal Dunnam, Louie Barrientes, 2nd Lt. Whitney Stringham, Capt. Mike Lewis and Dee Winans. Left, Flores carries the American flag. Above, Dunnam carries the Georgia flag.

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Black Knights intramural basketball schedule

Team #1

April 7, 9 p.m., JSTARS #1
April 23, 6 p.m., 78th MDG
May 5, 7 p.m., 12th ACCS
May 12, 9 p.m., 78th SFS #1
May 21, 8 p.m., 653rd CLSS

Team #2

Sunday, 8 p.m., JSTARS #2
April 8, 6 p.m., 116th CSS
April 16, 7 p.m., 78th CS
April 28, 6 p.m., 78th MSS
May 5, 8 p.m., 78th SFS #2
May 14, 6 p.m., 78th LRS
May 21, 7 p.m., 5th MOBB #2

19th ARG deputy commander selected for Colonel

Lt. Col. Joseph Rohret has been selected for colonel.

Rohret graduated from the University of Iowa and was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps, as a Distinguished Graduate in 1981. He attended undergraduate pilot training at Vance Air Force Base, Okla., graduating with his wings in 1983. Following pilot training, he attended Combat Crew Training School for the KC-135A at Castle Air Force Base, Calif.

During his career, Rohret served in a number of capacities until assuming his current duties with the 19th Air Refueling Group in January 2001.

19th ARG Senior Master Sergeant Selects

Master Sgt. Anthony S. Wallace, originally from Indiana, is the production superintendent for the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Wallace joined the U.S. Air Force Aug. 28, 1985, and has served at Robins Air Force Base for nearly three years.

Master Sgt. Ryan Mosley, originally from Portal, Ga., is the aircraft support flight chief for the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Mosley joined the U.S. Air Force Sept. 24, 1981, and has served at Robins for almost 17 years.

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Total force

■ 19th Maintenance Squadron, Air Force Reserve Command join forces to work C-5s

By **Lanorris Askew**
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The 19th Maintenance Squadron and Air Force Reserve Command are making history of their own.

On the heels of last year's blending of active duty and Georgia Air National Guard personnel into the 116th Air Control Wing, the 19th MXS, whose primary responsibility has been providing operationally ready C-5 aircraft to Air Mobility Command, will now add Air Force Reserve Command as a customer.

The two groups will soon join in a seamless transition that will allow AFRC C-5 aircraft to fly their first post programmed depot maintenance missions sooner than ever before.

According to Capt. Jeffrey Echt, 19th MXS maintenance supervisor, 22 Reservists will work side by side with the 19th to help perform field-level maintenance and inspections on both AMC and AFRC C-5 aircraft. This seamless integration of Reserve and active duty is a part of the Air Force's "Total Force"

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

From left, Master Sgt. Daniel Alaniz, Master Sgt. Bruce McGee and Tech. Sgt. Gregory Porter discuss plans for programmed Depot Maintenance on the Reserve C-5 shown in the background.

Kelly named 19th ARG deputy commander

By **Holly J. Logan**
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Col. Brian T. Kelly said he plans to fully support the vision of the 19th Air Refueling Group's commander and care for the Black Knights' needs as the group's new deputy commander.

The new deputy commander took his supporting role in the 19th ARG March 18, and he said he will do all he can to support the Black Knight's mission.

"Col. Faulkenberry's leadership is the key," he said. "Although she is currently deployed, she stays in touch and gives us direction. It's my job to make sure that her vision for the group is carried out by executing the mission, and taking care of our people."

Kelly, who previously served as a deputy division chief and acting division chief on the Joint Staff, said he looks forward to working with the Black Knights.

"I'm very pleased to be here," he said. "With the 19th ARG winning numerous awards, I'm honored to come from the Pentagon and join this award-

winning, high-achieving operational group."

The former KC-135 squadron commander said he feels he is joining a group of people that already has a strong hold on the mission before them.

"Our primary goal is to provide air refueling support for contingency operations around the world, and the group seems to be meeting that goal well," he said.

Kelly said despite the obstacle of the high demands on aircrew, support staff, and tankers, senior leaders have been talented in filling deployment demands and maintaining a group of experienced members on the home front.

"Squadrons have been smart as to which members they deploy," he said. "They've deployed highly skilled Knights and retained experienced ones to train the younger Knights."

With the influx of new Air Force members, Kelly said Knights are training the new airmen to prevent long-term loss.

Mission execution is nearly impossible without people supporting its purpose, said Kelly, and supporting Black Knights' needs is one way he'll serve the 19th ARG mission.

"I'm working hard to get to know everyone on our team," he said. "I've already spent at least a half day with each of the squadrons, talking to troops, and walking around the different work areas."

Although more than 100 Black Knights are currently deployed, Kelly said they will not go unacknowledged.

From the "Dorm Cookout" to touring the Black Knights' dormitory, Kelly said he is determined to know the people he serves.

"I believe in management among the people, instead of from behind the desk," he said. "Aircraft Commander Mission Qualification training will help me learn more about how Robins utilizes tankers to execute its mission."

Kelly said as deputy commander, he feels taking care of the Black Knights in a whole person concept is essential to making the mission a success.

"Some of the ways we take care of our people is by setting a good example as senior leaders," he said. "Keeping fit as leaders, and making our-

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Sky-high dreams soar Black Knight to success

By **Holly J. Logan**
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Although Capt. Waynetta R. Gentry said her childhood dream was to become the first female on the moon, love for her family and country changed her sky-high dream into an Air Force reality.

Gentry, recently named the Robins Air Force Base 2002 Company Grade Officer of the Year, said although she aspired to be like Sally Ride, the first female astronaut in space, she is honored to be among the other successful female pilots of the U.S. Air Force.

"I feel like one of the guys," she said. "They treat me as their equal. My being part of the Black Knights is more about my character and ability than my gender. I'm honored to be able to do something that women from my grandmother's generation weren't able to do."

The 27-year-old Horse Cave, Ky., native describes herself as outgoing with a winning attitude of trying to make the best out of everything, but she credits her success in work and personal life to God and her family's support.

"My family has been most influential in my life," she said. "Even

though neither of my parents went to college, they were very supportive to both my sister and me in everything we decided to do."

Fellow Black Knights said Gentry, a flight commander and evaluator pilot for the 99th Air Refueling Squadron, is an asset to the 19th Air Refueling Group team.

"Waynetta's level of enthusiasm and excitement on the job is contagious," said Lt. Col. Royce Eves, operations officer for the 99th ARS. "I'm impressed with how well she identifies tasks and follows through on opportunities."

Staff Sgt. Dustin Schales, in-flight refueler for the 99th ARS, agreed.

"Capt. Gentry is very outspoken," he said. "She doesn't say no to any task set before her. Even if she has a thousand things to do, she'll still take on anything."

Although her service often takes her far from friends and family, Gentry said serving her country as a Black Knight is worth the sacrifice.

"I've always thought that there is no greater gift I could give than to give up my life for others' freedom," she said. "Doing my job allows my loved ones to enjoy the freedom they love and deserve. If I ever have any



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Capt. Waynetta R. Gentry stands in front of a KC-135. Gentry, recently named the base 2002 Company Grade Officer of the Year, is a flight commander and evaluator pilot for the 99th Air Refueling Squadron.

doubts about what I'm doing, I think of my 3-year-old nephew, Eli, and remember I'm fighting so he and others can keep their liberty and freedom."

Gentry, the only military member in her immediate family, is two semesters from completing her mas-

ter's degree in professional counseling – an area she describes as her newly discovered passion.

Among other goals, Gentry said she aspires to become a White House

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Fellow, and eventually return to the Air Force Academy as an instructor. No matter where Gentry’s dreams take her, she knows a positive attitude and determination are the fuel that can take her anywhere. “I’ve always believed that if you do your best and give 110 percent, you can accomplish anything,” she said. “I’m sure obstacles will arise, but with the right attitude, in the long-run, you can overcome anything.”

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selves available for our people to come to us when they have problems is just some of the ways we can care for our group members.” Through providing Black Knights the tools to take care of their families and themselves, Kelly said he and others are contributing to the mission. “A healthy balance is a must,” he said. “A healthy person is a productive person. I’m here not only to support our mission, but to support our troops.”

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initiative. “Right now, the 19th only works active duty aircraft belonging to AMC,” said Echt. “After October however, which is the beginning of the new fiscal year, the first Reserve aircraft will roll out of Robins having been worked on by both Reserve and active duty personnel.” Master Sgt. Gregory Porter, 19th MXS production superintendent, said there are two levels of inspections going on at Robins - depot level and field level inspections. Programmed depot level maintenance performed by the depot personnel is the highest-level inspection that can be accomplished on any C-5 aircraft. The 19th MXS performs isochronal inspections and field-level repairs simultaneously at the Robins depot, making best use of aircraft down time. “Generally, Reserve aircraft would depart PDM and then require completion of an isochronal inspection and repair of hundreds of discrepancies when they reached home station, increasing the amount of down time,” he said. Because the 19th MXS saves home stations at least 4,600 man-hours per aircraft, C-5s worked by the 19th MXS fly their first post-PDM missions three weeks sooner than C-5s they didn’t work. Porter said the integration of active duty and Reserve personnel will lead the 19th MXS to its ultimate goal. “Our ultimate goal is to return aircraft to their home station units with zero workable discrepan-

cies,” he said. “Regardless of the tail number or stripe, if it is a C-5 we are going to work it and each will get the same service.” According to Master Sgt. Daniel Alaniz, member of a three-man Reserve advance team here to lay the groundwork for the upcoming transition, preparations are already underway for the arrival of the remaining 19 Reservists. “Office supplies, equipment and space have been already provided as well as welcoming packets. Memorandums of agreement between the 19th MXS and AFRC are in work,” he said. “Right now payroll issues are being addressed, ensuring that all will go smoothly when the transition begins.” Alaniz said the hiring process, which will be conducted by the advance team working with HQ AFRC, will begin in April. “Air Force Reserve and active duty 19th MXS members will be virtually indistinguishable, in keeping with the seamless integration of the ‘Total Force’ concept,” said Echt. “Reservists may work AMC aircraft and active duty maintainers may work Reserve aircraft. Although administrative control of the Reservists will flow through AFRC, operational (day-to-day work) control will remain with the 19th MXS leadership.” According to Tech. Sgt. Bruce McGee, production superintendent and a member of the Reserve team, all of the remaining 19 Reserve slots will be filled on

Master Sgt. Gregory Porter
19th MXS production superintendent



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From left, Tech. Sgt. Bruce McGee, Master Sgt. Daniel Alaniz and Master Sgt Gregory Porter walk the C-5 PDM line.

a voluntary basis and the volunteers will gain valuable benefits. “This integration will be beneficial for both the Reserve and the 19th MXS,” McGee said. “They are a professional organization and have excellent leadership, and we bring years of experience to the fight.” Lt. Col. Bob Lewit, 19th MXS commander, agreed. “This is a win-win situation for the C-5 fleet and the Air Force as a whole,” he said. “Being able to turn these planes around and help them fly sooner greatly increases global reach for America. With the Global war on terrorism and airlift being tapped out, this is our contribution. We are thrilled to no end to have this seamless transition, and we’ll perform as one cohesive unit. All Reserve C-5 aircraft are stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, or Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass.

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